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1. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE XIV OF SHAPE/BELGIUM AGREEMENT REFERS TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROPER SHAPE AUTHORITIES AND APPROPRIATE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES, THAT ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION TO SEND "OTHER THAN OFFICIAL MAIL" TO SHAPE AND ITS MEMBERS THROUGH "THE ARMED FORCES OWN SERVICE." IN THIS REGARD, OF PERHAPS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE IS GOB AGREEMENT IN ITS NOTE NO. 1342 OF APRIL 19, 1963, TO "THE CONCLUSIONS" OF AN EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS WHICH INCLUDED THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 57 OF NOVEMBER 29, 1962, WHEREIN THE EMBASSY STATED ITS WILLINGNESS "TO WORK OUT WITH THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES" PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING OF POSTAL SERVICE. THUS, WE CONSIDER THAT 1962-1963 EXCHANGES OF NOTES AND MEMORANDA CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOB AND USG IS BEST AUTHORITY FOR POSITION THAT ANY CHANGE IN EXISTING APO PROCEDURES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES.

2. REFERENCE TO ASSESSMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES ON CONTRABAND OR PROHIBITED ITEMS WAS SHORT HAND RECOGNITION OF FACT THAT IMPORTATION OF SUCH ITEMS NORMALLY RESULTS IN FINANCIAL PENALTIES (AS WELL AS CONFISCATION OF GOODS).

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